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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but prior to a decision on the appeal. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 21, 2007, has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Urs et al (US Patent No. 6,292,781).

4. Regarding claim 1, Urs discloses method and apparatus for facilitating distributed speech processing in a communication system, and provides support for a telecommunication system (Figure 3; col. 7, line 3 to col. 9, line 52) comprising a terminal, a switch and at least a part of an I-net comprising a memory for storing I-net information blocks at locations defined by I-net addresses, with at least parts of said I-net addresses being generated in response to control signals originating from said terminal (col. 7, lines 54-65), and with at least parts of said I-net information blocks being sent from said memory to said terminal in the form of response signals(col. 7, line 3 to col. 9, line 52), each of said control signals and said response signals

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comprising both speech recognition (user inputs voice commands or communication service requests) and non-speech recognition (keypress information from keypad 320) related parts (communication unit (102) requests communication services from the communication infrastructure (101) that support both voice and data communication and as such, the system of Urs reads on the detection and appropriate processing of speech and non-speech data in control and/or response signals, since the system of Urs specifically provides for processing both voice and data information in the communication signals transmitted to and from the user and the various components of the communication system with the voice and data path being utilized simultaneously by the communication unit when the wireless resource communication is shared); wherein said switch comprises a detector for detecting speech-recognition and non-speech-recognition related parts in said control signals and said response signals (col. 7, line 3 to col. 9, line 52), and a processor for, in response to a detection of said speech-recognition or non-speech recognition related parts, processing said control signals and said response signals (col. 7, lines 33-65—data connection and voice connection for detecting speech command, processing the user's request, and providing the requested information via the data connection), said I-net comprising at least one of an intranet or Internet (col. 7, lines 54-65; col. 8, line 12-col. 9, line 52).

Regarding claim 2, Urs discloses wherein said processor, in response to a detection of a speech-recognition related part in said control signals, routes said speech-recognition related part to a server for converting said speech-recognition related part into an address signal destined for said memory (col. 7, line 54 to col. 8, line 11), and with said processing comprising, in response to a detection of a non-speech-recognition related part in a control

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signal, converts said non-speech-recognition related part into an address signal destined for said memory (col. 8, lines 12-41).

Regarding claim 3, Urs disclose the terminal comprises a preprocessing unit (316) for preprocessing speech-recognition related parts of said control signals, with said server comprises a final processing unit for final processing said preprocessed speech-recognition related parts (col. 8, line 42 to col. 9, line 7).

Regarding claim 4, Urs discloses wherein said processor, in response to a detection of a speech-recognition related part in a response signal, routes said speech-recognition related part to said server, and with said processing comprising, in response to a detection of a non-speech-recognition related part in said response signal, forwards said non-speech-recognition related part to said terminal (col. 7, line 3 to col. 9, line 52).

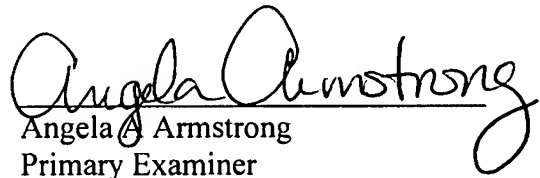
Regarding claims 5-10, claims 5-10 are similar in scope and content to claims 1-4 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela A. Armstrong whose telephone number is 571-272-7598. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 11:30-8:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Edouard can be reached on 571-272-7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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